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Dear Friends,

Just a couple of weeks ago I was talking with one of our board members who fills the role of treasurer for God's Helping Hands. Not surprisingly, we were talking about money. I commented on how interesting it is to me that money hits home with every person and every ministry. After all, it's just a THING. Money has no soul. Money doesn't make decisions for itself. It doesn't decide to go here or go there, do this or do that. It's just money.

And yet, I think the Lord gets a lot of "mileage" out of money. It's an attention grabber. **Money, I think, is a tool that the Lord uses** to grab our face, crank our heads around on our neck, **and MAKE us look to Him**. And that's not a bad thing at all. Money affords us opportunity for praise, and sometimes by its absence points out our total reliance on Jehovah Jirah – our provider.

At the moment, I'd say we are doing both. God is providing for our needs, and we praise Him for it. Many of you have been His instruments of provision and blessing to us. I have to tell you, it has been a bit of a humbling experience – but just what He knew I needed. I needed to realize that I am not my own provider. Working in ministry has put me on the fast track to learning that.

You and I are partners together in the work He has laid out at God's Helping Hands. Many of you have supported or are currently supporting our work in the ministry through your gifts and prayers. **And so I need to share with you our current need.**

It's tight. There's no two ways of putting it. In the year 2010, we saw about 70% of our financial need provided. Our projected net pay is approx. \$25,000 a year. Some of that provision was in committed monthly support, some was in special gifts. All was appreciated. **But if we are to continue to serve on the field in a full-time capacity, we need to see a higher percentage.**

Now, we know that times are tough for most people. And we know that some of you would like to give or give more and simply cannot. We understand – and we appreciate you! **But we are asking for more prayer.** Remember that God owns ALL of the money. Where it goes is up to Him. Would you join us in prayer over His provision for the Knobloch family? Could you commit to praying for us on a monthly or weekly basis? I hope to very soon be able to follow up this letter with another full of accounts of how God provided the need.

If you support us in gifts and prayer, THANK YOU! There are no words sufficient to express our humble gratitude. If you say, "Yes, Chris and Amber. I am committed to praying for you and your daughters", would you drop us a note and tell us? It would be so encouraging. And while you're at it, send us any requests you have so that we can pray for you, too!

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